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JOHN SILLETT'S POINT OF VIEW



I think most supporters appreciate the efforts that are being made behind the scenes, and also on the playing field in recent weeks, to strengthen our position in the Second Division and ensure that we hold what we have fought so hard to achieve. What I appreciate most, however, is the letters of encouragement I have received from a large number of fans asking me to pass on their congratulations to the players on recent performances. Although results have not always gone the way we hoped the majority of supporters accept that the standard of football is much higher than last year. There is more skill and that adds up to more entertainment value for spectators.

Our game at Blackburn last Saturday was indeed a credit to football in general and, with only one exception, there was not a nasty tackle during the 90 minutes. Rovers are a very smart outfit and after 12 months in the Second Division they have mastered the lessons we are still learning by making the maximum use of the short ball and constructing moves with patience and precision.

Our previous match against Oldham Athletic was a different kettle of fish and I must admit that I was astonished by the defensive tactics they employed. They have some very talented attacking players but were content to put up the shutters and adopt a completely negative attitude. To some extent it was a compliment to us that they felt it necessary to play that type of football but it was frustrating for both our players and supporters.

I don't think that we will see the same from Bolton this afternoon. I have seen them in action a couple of times this season and so has my brother Peter and we agree that they are a very good side when coming forward to build attacks and are also strong in defence. Their league position speaks for itself and I think we can all look forward to an entertaining contest. We will be doing our best to tuck away some of those chances that have been going astray recently.

The pre-match warm-up introduced for our last couple of home matches is getting through to the players, and I can assure you that they appreciate the atmosphere that is being created on the terraces. There is nothing worse than running out to a luke-warm reception and the sing along response that is being provided before the kick-off is helping the players get in the right frame of mind. So keep up the good work this afternoon.

Best wishes, JOHN.

COVER PICTURE: Steve Emery made a welcome return to first team duty a fortnight ago and is seen in action during Hereford United's home match with Oldham Athletic.

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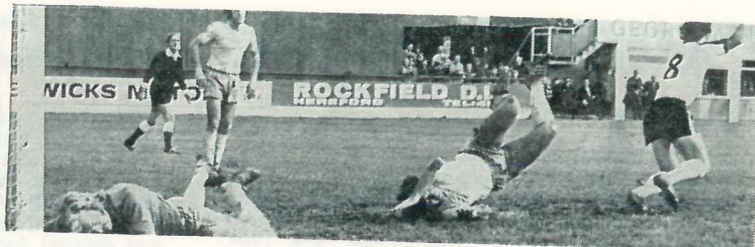
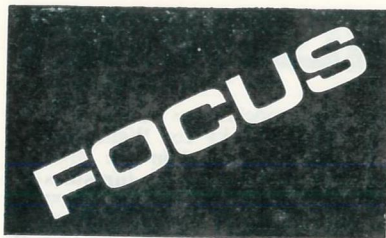
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HAMPSHIRE-BORN Manny Audruszewski claimed his first Football League goal when Southampton visited Boundary Park last week but it was not enough to crack Oldham Athletic's unbeaten home record. Vic Halom, who hardly had a shot at goal when the Latics visited Edgar Street the previous week, was on target twice to give the Lancashire team a 2-1 win.

I don't wish young Manny any harm but I certainly hope that he will not be playing for the Saints when they visit Hereford next March.

Names like Rodrigues, MacDougal and McCalliog are bad enough when the telephone line is crackling and the copy-taker on the other end is not acquainted with the names of the Southampton players when a match report is being sent to head-office. So what sort of confusion would Andruszewski cause for the Green 'Un?

It would probably need the Evening News Anagram experts to decipher the name which might be spelt half-a-dozen different ways if the youngster was in the thick of matters during the first half. It would be more convenient if he changed it to Andrews by deed poll, and it would make life much easier for hard-pressed soccer reporters. Not forgetting the copy-takers who would be repeating: "Will you spell that again."

Since they beat Hereford United at the Dell in mid-October, the Saints have slumped badly and have collected only one point from their last five games.

Fulham are another club who have little to show for their efforts since an inspired two-goal salvo from former England international Rodney Marsh helped them beat United 4-1 at Craven Cottage.

They have won only one of their last 11 league and cup games and even the magic of George Best appears to have worn off since he made his home debut against Bristol Rovers to the applause of 21,172 fans and then attracted a gate of 25,704 for his next appearance in London when Wolves were the visitors.

by TED WOODRIFFE Hereford Times

The gate for the club's last two home matches has only just topped the 12,000 mark and only 9,213 turned up for a midweek match against Carlisle United.

But Best has been drawing the crowds away from home and Fulham's last seven matches have grossed 143,552 to average 23,925 with over 28,000 fans packing the terraces when they visited Southampton and Sheffield United.

The biggest crowd-pullers, however, have been league leaders Chelsea and a total of 363,343 have watched their 16 home and away games to average 22,708. The average at Stamford Bridge has been 28,162 and they emphasised their First Division potential when they drew 42,654 when they entertained Southampton.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHELSEA	16	11	3	2	29	20	25
BLACKPOOL	17	9	4	4	29	20	22
BOLTON WANDERERS	16	10	2	4	28	19	22
WOLVES	16	7	5	4	37	22	19
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	16	7	5	4	34	19	19
OLDHAM ATHLETIC ...	16	7	5	4	23	20	19
BLACKBURN ROVERS ..	16	8	2	6	18	18	18
SHEFFIELD UNITED ...	16	5	7	4	19	20	17
MILLWALL	15	7	2	6	24	19	16
CHARLTON ATHLETIC ..	16	6	4	6	32	31	16
LUTON TOWN	16	7	2	7	27	26	16
NOTTS COUNTY	16	7	2	7	24	28	16
BRISTOL ROVERS	16	5	5	6	21	21	15
HULL CITY	15	5	5	5	19	19	15
FULHAM	16	4	6	6	22	26	14
BURNLEY	16	4	5	7	21	26	13
CARDIFF CITY	16	5	3	8	21	28	13
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ..	16	3	6	7	22	26	12
SOUTHAMPTON	16	4	4	8	25	31	12
CARLISLE UNITED	17	4	4	9	18	33	12
HEREFORD UNITED ...	16	3	4	9	19	21	10
ORIENT	14	2	5	7	14	21	9

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Bolton Wanderers occupied a promotion position in the Second Division for the greater part of last season and topped the table on a couple of occasions. They struck a bad patch in March but recovered when they beat Chelsea and were still in third place when they entertained York City, who were already booked for relegation.

It was a midweek match on April 13th and it proved unlucky thirteen for the Wanderers. York had won only one away game against wooden-spoon Portsmouth but former Hereford striker Jim Hinch snapped up one of the goals that gave them a shock 2-1 win and virtually ended Bolton's First Division dreams.

A week later they lost at Sunderland against the eventual champions and had to settle for fourth position—one point behind runners-up Bristol City and West Bromwich Albion.

This season they are again making a determined effort to get back into the First Division, of which they were founder members in 1888 with other clubs in the Second Division like Wolves, Blackburn Rovers, Burnley and Notts County.

They have spent most of their playing life in the First Division and though relegated on five occasions between 1899 and 1965 they never remained in the Second Division more than two seasons, winning the championship once and finishing runners-up on the other four occasions.

The glory years for Bolton were the 1920s when they won the F.A. Cup three times in the space of six seasons and also finished third in the First Division twice and fourth on a couple of other occasions.

After two unsuccessful appearances in the F.A. Cup final it was third time lucky for Wanderers when they met West Ham United in the first-ever final at Wembley. Although the turnstiles registered 126,047 it is estimated that over 150,000 people were present at the match and the kick-off was delayed for 40 minutes after the crowd had invaded the pitch. The gross gate was £27,776 and the F.A. had to refund £2,797 to ticket holders who were unable to get to their seats.

Bolton won 2-0 and three years later returned to Wembley to beat Manchester City 1-0 and then Portsmouth 2-0 in the 1929 final when their side included five of the players who had represented them in the previous two finals.

In 1953 Bolton figured in the famous Stanley Matthews final when Blackpool beat them 4-3 in a dramatic finish after trailing by two goals early in the second half. Bill Perry, who later had a season with Hereford United at Edgar Street, snapped up the last minute winner for the seaside club.

In 1958 Wanderers won the trophy for the fourth time when Nat Lofthouse, the club's record goalscorer and most capped player, shot them to a 2-0 victory over Manchester United. Curiously, however, for all their cup-fighting prowess and many years in the First Division they never succeeded in winning the main title.

They were relegated in 1964 and if the present three-up, three-down system had been operating at that time they would have bounced straight back the following season but their star began to wane and in 1971 they finished at the bottom of the table and slipped into the Third Division for the first time.

Two years later, however, they won the championship with four points to spare and, after two average seasons in the Second Division, they started their bid to get back into the top section last season and are once again challenging for promotion.

Just over 30 years ago tragedy struck at Burnden Park when barriers broke during an F.A. Cup tie with Stoke City and 33 people were killed and more than 400 injured. It is the worst football disaster ever known in this country.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

1949 in local Bournemouth league and graduated from the Hampshire League and Football Combination to the full Football League list nine years ago. In 1970-71 he refereed the F.A. Youth Cup final and also a youth international between Belgium and Luxembourg. A married man, he is a District Service Officer with the Southern Gas Board and his hobbies include cricket and do-it-yourself work.

DEREK NIPPARD, of Christchurch, Dorset, started refereeing in

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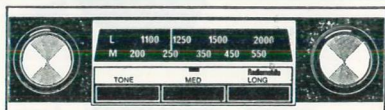
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Meet the WANDERERS

Goalkeeper **Jim McDonagh** made over 100 league appearances with Rotherham United and was signed in September for £10,000 after a month's loan period at Burnden park. He stepped straight into the first team when Barry Siddall was transferred to Sunderland.

Club skipper **John Ritson** joined the club from schoolboy soccer and has now made over 300 league appearances for the Wanderers. Eire international **Tony Dunne** was a member of Manchester United's European Cup winning side and made a total of 415 league appearances for the Reds. He has taken his appearance total past the 500 mark since joining Bolton.

Paul Jones missed only one league match last term to take his tally for the club past the 200 mark. He was a member of the England under-23 squad last season when he went with the team to Budapest. **Sam Allardyce** emerged as an outstanding defender last term when he was voted "Player of the Year" by club supporters. He missed wanderers first two games but was then an ever-present for the rest of the campaign.

Roy Greaves had a Testimonial game during the close season to mark 10 years' service with the Wanderers after topping 50 goals in 350 league matches. A non-stop worker in midfield he is one of the few local-born players on the club's books. **Peter Reid**, like Greaves, was an ever-present for the club last season when he staked his claim as a player of potential. He was discovered playing for Huyton schoolboys and graduated through the junior sides.

Willie Morgan made 183 appearances with Burnley before he was transferred to Manchester United for £117,000. He played a total of 238 league games for the Old Trafford club and was a regular when they won the Second Division title. He returned to Burnley for a £30,000 fee last year and joined Wanderers towards the end of the season. Capped 21 times by Scotland he was a member of their last World Cup squad.

Peter Thompson is another player of considerable experience who has won most of the honours in the game. He started his career with Preston North End, making 122 league appearances, and then moved to Liverpool, where he totted up another 322 league games, and has since passed the 100 mark with Bolton to take his overall total to over 550 league appearances. He was capped 16 times by England between 1964 and 1970.

Striker **Steve Taylor** got his first team chance this season mainly due to injuries and has emerged as the club's top marksman. He joined Wanderers from school and had a spell on loan with Port Vale last season. **Gary Jones** has made in the region of 200 league and cup appearances and was joint top scorer with 13 goals last term.

Gary Whatmore, who is particularly strong in the air, topped the list with Jones and this season has taken his appearance record with the club past the 100 mark, netting some useful goals in the process. **Alan Waldron**, another 100-plus player, spent last summer with the Chicago Stings.

Scottish international **Hugh Curran** missed most of last season due to a series of knee operations. He played for Third Lanark, Millwall, Norwich, Wolves and Oxford United before eventually arriving at Burnden Park. He has scored over 150 league goals.

Peter Nicholson played half-a-dozen times for Blackpool and then Bolton stepped in to sign him. He has made over 170 league appearances for them. **Brian Smith**, a product of Bolton junior football, made his league debut with the club two years ago.



PETER THOMPSON—former England winger who joined Wanderers just over three years ago for £18,000. At one time he took it in turns with Terry Paine to wear England's number seven shirt.



PAUL JONES—an England under-23 candidate, who was a member of last season's squad. He missed only one league game last term.

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FAN OF THE WEEK: The supporter ringed in our picture was seen at the match against Orient on December 18th if she identifies herself.

EDGAR STREET

ALTHOUGH this is the first competitive match between Hereford United and Bolton Wanderers, the Lancashire club's second team were regular visitors to Edgar Street back in the early thirties. Bolton's first visit drew a crowd of over 1,000 and they not only won 4-1 but they were highly delighted to return home with £30 as their share of the £63 gate. Those figures illustrate what inflation has done to our currency and today the same receipts would just cover 42 supporters sitting in the grandstand or 79 ground admission spectators.

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Bolton returned the following year when United beat their Reserve team 5-3 and by popular request they came back the year after when United defeated them again by a 5-2 margin. Since then, however, the clubs' paths have not crossed again until today when United meet the Wanderers as equals whereas in 1931-32 Bolton were in the First Division and United in the Birmingham League.

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Leominster Supporters' Club will be holding an open night at the Talbot Hotel, Leominster, on Sunday, December 19th, when there will be a free buffet. The grand Christmas draw will be made at 9.30 p.m.

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Hereford United Entertainments Committee raised just over £300 when they booked the Charity Shop in Maylord Street for a week last month. The club chairman's wife, Mrs. Betty Miles, who was in charge of the operation, said, "It was very hard work but well worth it, and I appreciate the help we received from volunteers, who came in to run the shop during the week, and everyone who provided items for sale."

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The championship flag gifted to United by the Hereford and Worcester County Council will be officially presented this afternoon by the council



Picture can claim two grandstand tickets for our next home herself at the secretary's office.

ET SPOTLIGHT

chairman Sir Michael Higgs. He will be accompanied by the chairman of the Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Mr. Geoffrey Lampard, the former Colwall player.

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United's Colts team have a couple of important cup dates in the next fortnight. They entertain Swansea City in the second round of the South West and Wales Youth League cup next Wednesday and visit Manor Park to play Oxford United in the F.A. Youth Cup on December 14th.

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It is with regret that we report the death of Mr. Don Barber, of Torquay, who has been a regular ball donor to the club since Hereford United were elected to the Football League. He has always kept in contact with the club since he moved from his College Estate shop to Torquay several years ago.

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Football annuals that can be obtained from the Club Shop are: World of Sport, priced £1.50; All Stars, £1.25; and Striker, £1.25. They are ideal Christmas presents and so is the new Grand-slam football game, priced £3.75, and the footballs autographed by United players, priced £5. There is also a keen demand for sheep-skinned waistcoats, £7.50, and the toy Bulls, £11, and pandas, £6.

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After last Saturday's fixtures United Reserves were occupying sixth position in the Football Combination. The top half of the table teams were:-

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IPSWICH TOWN	14	9	2	3	32	15	20
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HEREFORD UNITED	16	7	3	6	28	24	17
ARSENAL	13	6	4	3	18	13	16
SPURS	14	5	4	4	17	14	16
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SOUTHAMPTON	14	6	2	6	20	25	14

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Kind regards, Mick Powell.

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DEREK JEFFERSON, who joined the club on a months loan at the beginning of November, helped Hereford United put together an unbeaten run of three matches before he eventually finished on the losing side at Ewood Park last week when Blackburn Rovers gained a 1-0 verdict.

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VITAL STATISTICS

CARTOON SPOT

Club App. Total	Club Goals Total		Appearances 1976-77 Season	League	Cup	Goals
14(2)	1	BRILEY	11(1)	(1)		
9		BURROWS	8	1		
63(1)	2	BYRNE	5			
54(1)	9	CARTER	7	2	1	
60		CHARLTON	12	2		
74(5)	24	DAVEY	14	2	3	
126(1)	3	EMERY	2			
77(1)	9	GALLEY	9(1)	2		
(2)		GOODCHILD	(2)			
119		HUGHES	4			
4		JEFFERSON	4			
91	12	LAYTON	15	2	2	
74	7	LINDSAY	12	2	1	
7		LLOYD	7			
1		MARSHALL				
119(1)	78	MCNEIL	15	2	9	
110(6)	9	PAINE	13	2		
5(2)	1	PREECE	(1)			
68	3	RITCHIE	7	1	1	
1(1)		SHEEDY	(1)			
1(1)		SINCLAIR	1(1)			
24(1)	8	SPIRING	15	2	6	
265(3)	22	TUCKER	5			
321(8)	62	TYLER	4(2)	(1)	1	
26(3)	3	WALKER	5	2		

November 20th, 1976. Second Division. Hereford United 0, Oldham Athletic 0. Half-time 0-0. Hereford team: Hughes; Emery, Ritchie; Layton, Jefferson, Lloyd; Paine, Spiring, Davey, McNeil, Briley. Sub.: Goodchild.

November 27th, 1976. Second Division. Blackburn Rovers 1 (Wagstaffe), Hereford United 0. Half-time 1-0. Hereford team unchanged. Goodchild substituted for Lloyd in the 82nd minute.



JIMMY LINDSAY was signed for a £15,000 fee from Colchester United before the start of last season and was an ever-present member of Hereford United's championship team. He previously played for West Ham United and Watford.

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SECOND DIVISION

1976

AUG.	14	CHESTER (F.L. Cup)	3,866	A	0-2
	18	CHESTER (F.L. Cup)	5,028	H	4-3
	21	HULL CITY	7,323	H	1-0
	28	SHEFFIELD UNITED	15,087	A	1-1
SEPT.	4	BURNLEY	9,548	H	3-0
	11	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	12,081	A	3-4
	14	CARLISLE	7,371	A	2-2
	18	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	8,732	H	1-2
	22	F.L. Cup—Round 3			
	25	FULHAM	18,935	A	1-4
OCT.	2	WOLVERHAMPTON W	13,891	H	1-6
	9	LUTON TOWN	9,395	A	0-2
	16	SOUTHAMPTON	24,910	A	0-1
	23	NOTTS COUNTY	7,462	H	1-4
	27	F.L. Cup—Round 4			
	30	MILLWALL	8,237	A	2-4
NOV.	6	CHELSEA	12,858	H	2-2
	13	BRISTOL ROVERS	8,495	A	3-2
	20	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	7,997	H	0-0
	27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	9,090	A	0-1
DEC.	1	F.L. Cup—Round 5			
	4	BOLTON WANDERERS		H	
	11	BLACKPOOL		A	
	18	ORIENT		H	
	22	CARDIFF CITY		A	
	29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		H	

1977

JAN.	1	CHELSEA		A	
	3	MILLWALL		H	
	8	F.A. Cup—Round 3			
	15	CARLISLE UNITED		H	
	19	F.L. Cup—Semi Final			
	22	HULL CITY		A	
	29	F.A. Cup—Round 4			
FEB.	5	SHEFFIELD UNITED		H	
	12	BURNLEY		A	
	16	F.L. Cup—Semi-Final			
	19	NOTTS FOREST		H	
	25	CHARLTON ATHLETIC		A	
	26	F.A. Cup—Round 5			
MAR.	5	FULHAM		H	
	12	WOLVERHAMPTON W		A	
		F.L. Cup—Final			
	19	LUTON TOWN		H	
		F.A. Cup—Round 6			
	26	SOUTHAMPTON		H	
APR.	1	NOTTS COUNTY		A	
	6	CARDIFF CITY		H	
	9	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		A	
	11	BRISTOL ROVERS		H	
	16	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		A	
	23	BLACKBURN ROVERS		H	
		F.A. Cup—Semi Final			
	30	BOLTON WANDERERS		A	
MAY	7	BLACKPOOL		H	
	14	ORIENT		A	
	21	F.A. Cup Final			

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1976

AUG.	21	BIRMINGHAM CITY		A	1-2
	25	CHELSEA	1,650	H	0-3
	28	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1,113	H	2-1
SEPT.	8	CARDIFF CITY		A	1-2
	11	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1,549	H	0-2
	18	SWINDON TOWN		A	0-0
	25	BRISTOL ROVERS	786	H	2-1
OCT.	4	ORIENT		A	
	9	WEST HAM UNITED	1,056	H	2-0
	16	NORWICH CITY	975	H	2-3
	20	READING		A	2-3
	30	IPSWICH TOWN		A	2-1
NOV.	10	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1,359	H	2-2
	13	SOUTHAMPTON		A	5-1
	17	BRISTOL CITY	1,004	H	3-0
	23	ARSENAL		A	2-1
	27	LEICESTER CITY	1,095	H	2-2
DEC.	4	OXFORD		A	
	11	CRYSTAL PALACE		H	
	13	IPSWICH		H	
	21	FULHAM		H	

1977

JAN.	1	LUTON		A	
	8	ARSENAL		H	
	15	CHELSEA		A	
	22	BIRMINGHAM		H	
FEB.	5	PLYMOUTH		A	
	16	CARDIFF CITY		H	
	19	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		A	
	26	SWINDON		H	
MAR.	5	BRISTOL ROVERS		A	
	12	ORIENT		H	
	15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS		A	
	19	WEST HAM		A	
	26	NORWICH		A	
APR.	2	READING		H	
	4	FULHAM		A	
	13	LUTON		H	
	27	SOUTHAMPTON		H	
	30	LEICESTER		A	
MAY	3	BRISTOL CITY		A	
	11	OXFORD		H	
	14	CRYSTAL PALACE		A	

FRIENDLY GAMES

AUG	2	KILMARNOCK	1,200	A	1-2
	4	GREENOCK MORTON	1,000	A	1-1
	6	AIRDRIE	2,000	A	1-2
	9	MERTHYR TYDFIL	651	A	1-1
	10	YEOVIL TOWN		A	0-2
	10	CLEVEDON		A	0-0
	14	BRISTOL CITY RES.		H	2-2

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